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DATE: 4/8/68

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau has furnished above caption for the Civil Rights investigation to identify person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis, Tenn., on 4/4/68. Code name to remain confidential and not disseminated as a code name for this investigation.

## **BACKGROUND**

Alleged murder weapon described as 30.06 Game
Master, Remington Model 760 Pump, with Redfield Scope, has been
traced to Birmingham, Ala. Gun was purchased on 3/30/68,
from Weberly-Thomas Hardware, Birmingham, by one HARVEY
LOWMEYER who furnished address, but investigation has proven
address in Birmingham fictitious. Clerk who sold gun described unknown subject as age 36, 5'8", 150-170 pounds,
dark brown hair, ruddy complexion, well dressed in dark business
suit. Clerk described unsub as meek and shy. No information
re car unsub could have been traveling in.

Unsub was seen running out of rooming house described as a flophouse directly across from Lorraine Hotel where KING was residing. He dropped a blanket which was carrying a small overnight case and a box containing above described gun. Person seen running from flophouse was described as white male between 20-40, 5'11" to 6', 170-200 pounds, dark hair combed straight back, very neat, well dressed in dark suit.

Above gun is at FBI Laboratory for test.

Unsub purchased pair of binoculars at York's, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tenn., for \$40.

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#### CONFIDENTIAL

The foregoing information should be treated highly confidential. The Latent Fingerprint Section, FBI Identification Division, developed latent fingerprints on the above-described rifle and binoculars. The latents on the binoculars are identical with latents on the rifle. Additionally, five latents were developed on toilet articles.

The Bureau has advised that all investigation must be handled under the personal direction of the SAC. Leads are to be afforded immediate, thorough, imaginative attention. All possibilities must be exhausted from any leads developed as any one lead could result in the solution of this most important investigation. SAC will be held personally responsible for failure to promptly, thoroughly handle investigation in this matter.

In event any data developed re suspects, if interested offices can establish whereabouts of suspects between the period March 29-30 in Birmingham, Ala. (purchase of rifle) and April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. (date of assassination), this may eliminate suspects. If this cannot be done, efforts should be made to secure photographs of suspects in question and forward photographs to Memphis and Birmingham for possible elimination.

Pertinent descriptive data should be included on all photographs.

If unable to eliminate on basis of established whereabouts in pertinent periods, interested offices should make every effort to secure fingerprints of suspects and submit same to Bureau for elimination.

Composite description, based on data developed at Birmingham and Memphis is as follows:

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White Race Sex Male 26-40 Age 5'8" - 5'11" Height 150-170 Weight Hair Dark brown or sandy, combed straight back Eyes Blue or green Build | Medium

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Complexion Average, smooth

General physical

appearance Neat.

Possibility exists suspect is non-smoker. Indications were that suspect rented room between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, and departed room shortly after 6:00 p.m. No matches or cigarettes found during that period, which suggests suspect may be non-smoker.

Leads are being telephonically furnished to responsible Agents and are to be handled immediately and with results telephonically furnished to Jackson.

#### LEAD:

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In addition to the names JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER, the name HARVEY LOWMYER should be immediately checked through all available directories, credit Bureaus, motor vehicle and drivers license indices and voter registration records.

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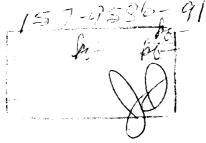
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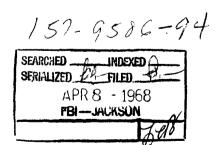
SUBJECT: ERNEST V. SNYDER

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SNYDER was observed at his barber shop on 4/4/68 at 5:04 PM.

SNYDER's 1968 Plymouth VIP was observed parked at the above location at 5:04 PM and at his residence at 9:40 PM.

No activity at his barber shop at 9:48 PM.





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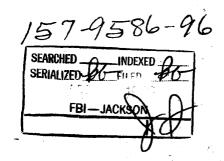
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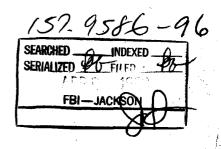
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Post Office Box 1450 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 April 6, 1968

> NEGRO DISTURBANCES IN MISSISSIPPI AS EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## DISTURBANCES EVENING OF APRIL 4, 1968

Confidential sources numbers one and two, who have provided reliable information in the past, advised during the early evening of April 4, 1968, that at about 7:45 P.M., on this date, approximately 100 Jackson State College students, Jackson, Mississippi, and Negro youths residing in the vicinity of this college, began throwing rocks and bricks at cars occupied by whites who passed on Lynch Street, a main street which intersects the Jackson State College Campus, which campus is located about one mile from downtown Jackson.

Confidential source number two advised that in this crowd he identified two Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) leaders. He said these were Marvin Louis Wilson, Negro male, age 18, from Jackson, Mississippi, who has recently been a SNCC Project Director in Dayton, Ohio, and George Washington Ware, Jr., Negro

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male, age 27, from Atlanta, Georgia, a member of SNCC's Central Committee. The source said these two individuals had just very recently arrived in Jackson.

Confidential sources numbers one and two advised that at least two passing autos containing whites received damage from missiles thrown by this crowd, however, no injuries were observed.

The same sources advised that this mob spilled off the Jackson State College Campus at about 9:00 P.M., and proceeded west from the campus on Lynch Street. The crowd became quite wild and began hurling rocks and other objects at buildings along the way. Several loud shouts of "Get Whitey" and similar quotes were heard by the sources.

The sources said this mob, as they progressed down Lynch Street, damaged extensively three white owned establishments along the way. These establishments were The Magnolia Grocery, 936 Lynch Street, The Golden Creame Donut Shop, 921 Lynch Street, and the Qwik Cleaners, 1002 Lynch Street. Many windows and much of the stock in these establishments were destroyed, however, looting was minimal.

The same sources said at 10:00 P.M. the mob stopped in front of the Masonic Temple, 1072 Lynch Street, which is located two blocks from the Jackson State College Campus. Inside the Temple, Charles Evers, Negro male, Mississippi National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Field Secretary, and recently defeated Mississippi candidate for United States Congress, was holding a large Negro community meeting, which began

at 9:00 P.M., to discuss sympathy plans regarding Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, death. The mob outside then turned over and burned an unoccupied auto of Associated Press Reporter, John Pearce, who had been inside the Temple covering Evers' meeting. At least one shotgun blast was fired into this car during attempts of the mob to set the car on fire. The car is a 1967 maroon Ford.

When the automobile was overturned and burned, Charles Evers left the meeting in the Temple, proceeded outside, and attempted to quiet the mob with limited success.

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that units of the Jackson Police and Fire Departments, in excess of 100 men, then moved in to disperse the crowd, using tear gas. He said Lynch Street and the Lynch Street vicinity was cleared by 11:40 P.M., and no arrests were made or injuries reported. He said the entire Jackson State College Campus area was quiet at 11:00 P.M.

Confidential source number one advised that Charles Evers was considering a sympathy march to the State Capitol in Jackson on the morning of April 5, 1968, and was also considering organizing a large march for Jackson or Washington, D.C., for April 22, 1968.

Jackson State College is a state supported, coeducational, Negro college, with about 2,000 students, which was the scene of a riot in May, 1967, during which one Negro male was killed.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, Chief of Detectives, Pierce, Jackson Police Department, advised that in an isolated incident in a Negro area of Northwest Jackson, during the late evening of this date, a white owned food store, Franklin's Grocery, 3002 Delta Drive, was set on fire, apparently by a Molotov Cocktail thrown by a passerby. He said the Fire Department quickly arrived on the scene and extinguished the fire after only minor damage occurred.

He said no injuries were suffered.

Charles Snodgrass, Administrative Assistant, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised that at 10:00 P.M., on April 4, 1968, about 30 Negro students at Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi, threw rocks and bricks at various campus buildings. He said the group was dispersed by college officials with only minor damage to buildings. Snodgrass advised no arrests were made, no injuries were reported and the campus was quiet by 11:30 P.M.

Rust College is a private Negro, coeducational, college with about 500 students, located in North Mississippi.

Charles Snodgrass, MHSP, advised that about 9:00 P.M., April 4, 1968, approximately 300 Negro students from Mississippi Valley State College, Itta Bena, Mississippi, left their dormitories and marched around the campus singing and chanting. A few students left the march and broke windows in a grocery store near the campus, however, only minor damage occurred. Snodgrass advised the campus was quiet at 11:00 P.M., and no arrests were made. He said

two Negro students received minor injuries from buckshot wounds. He said hit in the right leg was Robert Flower, Negro male, from Montgomery, Alabama, and hit in the left leg and thigh was James Cooper, Negro male, of West Point, Mississippi.

Mississippi Valley State College is a Negro, state supported, coeducational, college of about 600 students, located in Northwest Mississippi.

Appropriate local, state and Federal authorities were advised of the above information as it was received. Charles Snodgrass, MHSP, advised that the MHSP has sizeable detachments standing by in the vicinities of the above areas. William Rist, Military Intelligence Group, Jackson, advised that the Mississippi National Guard had been alerted and detachments of the National Guard were moved to assembly areas in Greenwood and Jackson, Mississippi, ready for deployment if necessary.

## DISTURBANCES AND ACTIVITIES, APRIL 5, 1968

Confidential source number three, who has furnished reliable information in the past, telephonically advised a Special Agent of the Jackson Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that he was calling from Memphis, Tennessee, at 11:16 A.M., on this date. He said about 125 Negro ministers had marched to City Hall in downtown Memphis in sympathy to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, death, on this date. Upon completion of the march, Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) leaders Ralph Abernathy, Vice-President, and Andrew Young will depart for Atlanta, Georgia. Abernathy and some local Memphis leaders conferred

on the evening of April 4, 1968, and "fought over the future course of action as to violent and non-violent action in Memphis." Abernathy said he will continue SCLC on a non-violent course and they would all return to Atlanta on the late evening of April 5, 1968. This source advised it appears that Atlanta, with SCLC and SNCC having headquarters there, will be the focal point of Negro leadership in the next few days while services for Doctor King are pending in Atlanta.

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr., Negro male, Chairman, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), Jackson, a predominately Negro political party, issued a statement to all Negroes in Jackson to boycott white businesses, as well as Negro students to boycott schools, beginning April 8, through April 12, 1968. The boycott would be a protest to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Chief Pierce advised that Negro students at Lanier and Jim Hill High Schools, both all Negro schools in Jackson with about 1,500 students each, began to throw rocks, bricks and debris on school property on morning of April 5, 1968. The melees at these schools were touched off by small groups of students after schools had been opened on this date. School officials and police officers brought the situation at both schools under control and no known injuries were reported, andno arrests were made. Minor damage was suffered to both schools, Chief Pierce said.

Vernon Maxwell, Security Officer, Alcorn A & M College, Lorman, Mississippi, advised that about 12:15 A.M., on April 5, 1968, students at this college congregated in a large group on the campus and held memorial services for King. Later, during the morning, 300 to 400 students gathered near the residence of the College President. crowd became unruly and threw stones and bottles at Alcorn College Negro Security Officers and two MHSP patrol Shots from small virearms were heard in the vicinity, however, no weapons were observed by officers. The students returned to their dormitories around 4:00 A.M., and no injuries were reported. Damage to college property was minor. One arrest was made by Security Officers of Thomas Keith Glasgow, white male, former instructor at the college, who was recently discharged by officials following disturbances at the college in late February, 1968. Glasgow was charged with being drunk in public.

Alcorn A & M College is an all Negro, state supported, college with 2,500 students, located in rural Southwest Mississippi.

Charles Marx, Administrative Assistant to the Chief, MHSP, advised on April 5, 1968, that about 500 students from Mississippi Valley State College, Itta Bena, Mississippi, did not report to classes on April 5, 1968, but instead conducted a sympathy march from the campus to the downtown area and then returned to campus. Students threw rocks, bottles and debris at two passing cars during

the march, but no injuries were reported. No other injuries were suffered, or arrests were made.

- M. B. Pierce, Jackson Police Department, advised about 150 students congregated in a Negro section of Jackson, in the Lynch Street vicinity, around 11:00 A.M., on April 5, 1968, and started marching to downtown Jackson. Charles Evers, Mississippi Field Secretary, NAACP, dispersed the crowd without incident.
- A. W. Russell, Chief of Police, Yazoo City, Mississippi, advised on April 5, 1968, that at 9:30 A.M., on this date, a group of about 100 Negro high school students from Taylor High School, Yazoo City, left their classes and marched to downtown Yazoo City singing and chanting. The students returned to class shortly thereafter, after local and school officials addressed the students. One known student, Herbert Smith, Negro male, age 22, Yazoo City, was arrested by the Yazoo City Police Department, during the march, on inciting to riot and resisting arrest charges, after Smith unsuccessfully tried to encourage the students to remain out of classes and to defy officials.
- L. B. Williams, Sheriff, Bolivar County, Mississippi, advised April 5, 1968, that a group of 300 Negro students from predominately Negro Eastside High School, Cleveland, Mississippi, marched a distance of 20 blocks in Cleveland, on this date, singing patriotic songs. The march began at 2:00 P.M., and the marchers were orderly. No incidents insued and no arrests were made.

Curtis Lary, Chief of Police, Greenwood, Mississippi, Police Department, advised April 5, 1968, that a group of about 500 individuals, predominately Negro, marched to the

Courthouse in Greenwood at 2:00 P.M., on this date. The group was lead by five local ministers and a memorial service was held for King on the Courthouse grounds. No arrests and no incidents occurred.

J. B. Hines, Major, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, reported that during the day and evening of April 5, 1968, only a few scattered incidents involving minor property damage in the Jackson area occurred as a result of Negro unrest. He said no arrests were made.

Confidential source number two, mentioned earlier in this document, advised on April 5, 1968, Marvin Louis Wilson and George Washington Ware, Jr., spent the evening in various bars in the Lynch Street area of Jackson.

M. B. Pierce, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised he received information that Marvin Louis Wilson, Negro male, SNCC leader, had called several news media on April 5, 1968, and advised he is going to give a press release on April 6, 1968, regarding Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, assassination.

Appropriate local, state and Federal authorities were advised of the above information as it was received. Leland Rogers, Military Intelligence Group, Jackson, advised that the entire Mississippi National Guard is on alert and several detachments are standing by at strategic locations throughout Mississippi. Charles Snodgrass, MHSP, advised that Highway Patrol Detachments have been positioned throughout areas of Mississippi were disturbances occurred on April 4, 1968.

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All informents, racial, security and criminal, of Jackson Division have been alerted.

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Sources mentioned in LHM are identified as follows:

First Confidential Source is JN 177-R Second Confidential Source is LUTHER MYLES, RI (PROB-GHETTO) Third Confidential Source is CS JN-225-R.

The Jackson Division had several other Ghetto and racial sources at scene of disturbances in Jackson, however, information provided by them is not being included in LHM as it is repetitious.

The Jackson Division is following all developments in this matter closely, and the Bureau and interested offices will be kept advised; activities of MARVIN LOUIS WILSON and GEORGE WASHINGTON WARE, JR., are being closely followed with sources.

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On the same date the writer, accompanied by SA MICHAEL J. O'NEILL, physically observed the following at the times indicated:

At 8:55 p.m. the residence of BENNIE WALDRUP, 184 Longino Street, was checked an a light was noticed at the rear of the WALDRUP residence as well as the vehicle assumed to be WALDRUP's located at the rear of the driveway.

At 9:00 p.m. the residence of JOE DENVER HAWKINS, 1723 St. Charles Street, was observed and the automobile of HAWKINS was noticed in his driveway. The residence was dark.

At 9:30 p.m. the residence of J. L. HARPER, 932 Myrtlewood Drive, was observed. The lights were on and the automobile owned by HARPER was observed in the driveway.

At 9:40 p.m. the residence of JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, 2610 Brookwood Avenue, was checked. The lights were out and the automobile of HAWKINS was gone.

At 9:47 p.m. the residence of BURRIS DUNN, 308 Plummer Circle, was observed. The house lights were on and the automobile owned by DUNN was parked in the driveway.

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